

# 2021 DISTINGUISHED GRADUATES

## SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE



### **Mireya Cardona**

Medical Assisting

“Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved.”

-Helen Keller

Mireya Cardona was born April 15, 1991, in Landstuhl, Germany. Born to Puerto Rican parents and raised in northern Virginia, she is the youngest of three girls. She moved to San Antonio in 2018 from California, after spending three years overseas living in Okinawa, Japan.

Mireya will be graduating in May with an associate degree in medical assisting. A member of the Phi Theta Kappa with a 4.0 GPA, she has excelled academically in ways she was previously unable to, thanks to her newfound motivation as a single mother, and desire to serve as an inspiration to her two daughters. She previously studied psychology at Northern Virginia Community College, but she was unable to complete her degree.

She hopes this will not be the last time she attends college. After spending time in her career as a medical assistant, she hopes to return to school to pursue a nursing degree and one day continue on to become a certified nurse-midwife. She was inspired to pursue the career by the care she received from the nurse-midwives at the birth center where she gave birth to both of her daughters.

